

The Avalanche

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GRANT IS FORFEITED.

GREAT MONOPOLY TO LOSE A CONCESSION.

Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company's Charter to Be Revoked—Trade Offers a Check on Account of Unseasonable Weather—Values Strong.

The Ontario Government has taken action to annul its agreement with the Canadian Niagara Falls Power Company, granted in 1892, which gave the company a monopoly of the Niagara falls power on the Canadian side for fifty years, the company to pay \$25,000 for the improvements and to make certain improvements before November, 1890. The company is practically the same as that which controls a similar privilege on the American side of the river. The agreement of 1892 is to be annulled on the ground that the improvements agreed on have not been made and that there is now no possibility of making them before November. Another wealthy New York syndicate is preparing to develop the power on the Canadian side.

RAILROAD MEN ON STRIKE.

Eastern Corporation Says It Is Not Sharing General Prosperity.

All the employees of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Company's shops at Oil City, Pa., struck for a restoration of 10 per cent in their wages made two years ago. They were joined by the men at Buffalo and Olean, N. Y. Unless the matter is satisfactorily adjusted soon all divisions of the road will be tied up. The officials of the road stated to representatives of the men that they were not sharing in the general prosperity, and could not afford to grant the men's demands. The earnings of the company in 1898 were 1 per cent more than in 1897. Their freight traffic is their principal source of revenue, and consists only of hauling coal and iron, and competition is very sharp.

TRADE IS NOT TO BRISK.

Industrial Conditions, However, Continue of a Flattering Character.

In reviewing the commercial situation Bradstreet's says: "There is a quieter tone in several lines of business this week independent of the reduction in volume of distributive demand, resulting from continued unfavorable weather conditions in a large section of the country. The strength of quotable values, however, fails to show that any material slackening of underlying movements has as yet become apparent in leading lines. Industrial conditions continue of a most flattering character, with advances in wages still a prominent feature in the iron, steel, machinery and allied trades."

Had a Needle in His Heart.

The physicians who performed an autopsy on the remains of Louis Bremer, who died in San Francisco of pleurisy, discovered a piece of needle three-quarters of an inch long firmly imbedded in his heart. There was no indication that any bad effect had followed the piercing of Bremer's heart, and it was evident that the bit of steel had been in the vital organ for some time previous to his death.

Scientists in a Shipwreck.

News has been received of the loss of the schooner Stella Dillard, which sailed from San Francisco Feb. 23 with a party of scientists sent out by the Smithsonian institution to investigate animal and marine life in the tropics. The little vessel was wrecked off the coast of Lower California. All on board were saved, but the valuable collection of specimens gathered by the party was lost.

Miners Celebrate

Sixty thousand miners in Illinois and the four competitive States laid down their tools the other morning and spent the day in celebration of the eight-hour day, which has been in force in union mines for one year. At nearly every mining center there were public exercises and speaking by prominent labor leaders.

Three Fires in One Day.

There were three incendiary fires in different parts of Dallas, Texas, at the same time the other day. Owens' grocery store and one of the tenements occupied by George Stanley were destroyed, causing a small loss. R. H. Parks' costly residence was saved, but suffered \$1,000 damage.

Cannot Sue for Damages.

The Supreme Court at Indianapolis has held that an employee of a railroad in agreeing to accept benefits from a railroad relief association in case of injury relinquishes his right to bring suit against the company for damages.

Rear Admiral a Suicide.

Rear Admiral Charles Carroll Carpenter, United States navy, retired, committed suicide at the Adams Nervine hospital at Jamaica Plain, Mass., by shooting himself with a revolver.

Mint Superintendent Dies.

Israel Lawton, ex-superintendent of the San Francisco mint, and formerly judge of the probate court of Albany, N. Y., is dead of heart failure and brain trouble.

Columbia City Hall Burned.

At Columbia, S. C., the city hall and opera house was totally destroyed by fire. The aggregate loss is about \$70,000, insurance \$35,500.

Alleged Kidnapers Given Up.

Mrs. Ingerson and John Collins, the alleged kidnapers of little Gerald Lapine, have been removed to Chicago for trial.

Increase Wages 10 Per Cent.

The National Steel Company some time ago purchased the Aetna Standard Iron and Steel Company of Beloit, Ohio, paying about \$4,000,000 for the entire plant. A 10 per cent increase has been given the men, numbering 4,000, in the above works and a large plant at Mingo Junction.

Indiana Lady's Sudden Death.

While en route from Texarkana, Ark., Mrs. W. D. Owen, wife of the Secretary of State of Indiana, dropped dead in the car. Her last words, as she fell, were: "I believe it is paralysis."

Gift from J. D. Rockefeller.

John D. Rockefeller has notified the trustees of Denison University at Granville, Ohio, that if within the ensuing year they will raise \$150,000 he will present the institution with \$100,000. The members of the endowment committee of the university are confident of success.

Killed by an Insane Woman.

At Worcester, Mass., Patrick Hassett was beaten over the head with an iron bar by Mrs. Thomas Cery and killed. Mrs. Cery was insane. She attacked Michael Sullivan and Hassett, who were sleeping in one bed. Sullivan received severe injuries.

CONFESSED AN OLD CRIM.

A. O. Hewitt Tells of the Poisoning of Samuel Penn at Chillicothe, Ohio. An A. B. Hewitt, once a prominent attorney, died at the Soldiers' Home at Chillicothe, Ohio, the confessed murderer of Samuel Penn, another young attorney. Some years ago Penn was mysteriously poisoned, a large quantity of strychnine having been placed in medicine he was taking. Hewitt was presumably his friend, but it seems he determined to murder him, and happened into the doctor's office just as he was preparing some medicine for Penn, in which, while the doctor was absent, Hewitt placed the poison. The murder has always been one of the deepest mysteries of the county. Hewitt became a free man and fled from remorse for his crime, and finally died at the home.

BANDIT'S DAUGHTER SHOT.

Mortally Wounded as She Fights Off a Band of Thieves. A band of thieves and officers near Dexter, Mo., the daughter of the bandit chief fought desperately until she fell mortally wounded across the dead body of her father. Chas. Hendrickson was the leader of the desperadoes, who were attacked by a posse under Sheriff Rader. A desperate fight followed, in which fully 100 shots were fired. It ended only with the death of Hendrickson, the fatal shooting of his daughter and the wounding of Deputy C. B. Booth. Hendrickson and his gang were fugitives from Franklin County, where they are charged with a number of robberies. Two were captured and five escaped.

SENTENCED MAN DENIES GUILT.

Kansas Given the Death Penalty for the Murder of His Father.

At Topeka, Kan., John Henry Collins received the death sentence for the murder of his father with the same placid demeanor that has characterized his actions from the first. When asked by Judge Hagen if he had anything to say, he made a sensational speech, which brought tears to the eyes of many of those who crowded the court room. Among other things he said: "I know that I am innocent; I know that I did not kill my father. I wish, if it were possible, that he might come back here to-day from beyond the grave and be before you so my right to learn from him that I am not guilty."

DRIFTED FOR TWENTY HOURS.

Fishermen Caught in Lake Erie Ice Floes Rescued.

Five fishermen of Sandusky, H. C. Passon and his three sons, James, John and Charles, and Louis Roberts, have reached their homes after a most thrilling experience on Lake Erie. They went out in a small boat to lift their nets, but were caught in a terrific storm, which carried away the spar of the boat and drove the ice down upon them so that they were nearly twenty hours drifting helplessly about in a heavy sea among crushing and grinding ice floes, and in momentary danger of being crushed to the bottom. They were finally rescued.

STEAMER NORSEMAN ASHORE.

Crew of 102 Rescued by Life Savers Using Breeches Buoy.

The Warren Line steamer Norseman, Captain Rees, bound from Liverpool to Boston, went ashore just inside Tom Moore's Rock, about one hundred yards off the Nanepeshemet Hotel, Marblehead Neck, Mass. Captain Charles of the life-saving crew saved twenty-one men in the breeches buoy before daylight, and the remainder of the crew were taken off as rapidly as possible. The Norseman carried a crew of 102 men and no passengers.

Flashed Through the Air.

Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor who recently obtained permission from the French Government to establish a station on the French coast for the purpose of experimenting with wireless telegraphy between England and France, announces that he has conducted successful experiments between the South Foreland, County of Kent, and Boulogne, at the mouth of the Liane. The London Times prints a 100-word dispatch, the first press message by the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, describing the experiments between the South Foreland and Boulogne-Sur-Mer. The experiments were conducted by the Morse code, which was read as distinct as if the wires had been connected by wire. The distance from South Foreland lighthouse to Boulogne-Sur-Mer is thirty-two miles. The greatest previous distance covered by similar experiments was the eighteen miles between Poole and Bournemouth in England. An experience of fourteen months had shown Marconi that no kind of weather in England would stop the working of his apparatus. The vertical conductor he uses is the main feature of his system.

Killed by a Mob.

A special from Hohen, Kan., says: "Henry Sanderson, the young farmer who attempted to murder his sweetheart, Myrtle Fleisher, near Mayetta, and instead wounded Mrs. John Fleisher, her aunt, who was at her side, so that she died, was lynched by a mob from Mayetta. The mob, which numbered about twenty men, fastened the other end to a beam. His neck was dislocated by the fall of twelve feet and death must have come almost instantly. The mob then quickly dispersed. The body was cut down by Sheriff Haas. None of the mob is known by the officials."

Stirring Up a Revolt.

The American Indians of St. Regis, Regis, Mont., are on the verge of a revolt against the Canadian Government. It is expected that the Ottawa Government will look to the State of New York to aid it in quelling the disturbance. Between 200 and 300 of the Indians are armed, beat, maltreated and nearly killed by the Canadian soldiers. The Canadian Chamberlain and his men, Constable Morris of Dundee from the reservation and kept the Indian agent, John Long, a prisoner for five hours.

Murderer Escapes from Jail.

Louis Burger, sentenced to serve twenty-one years for murder, escaped from the penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky., by prying off the bars with a piece of iron and descending to the ground by means of a rope he had made from a sheet.

Explosion Wrecks a Distillery.

The Penwick distillery, at Chiswick, Pa., owned by Elias Black of Chiswick, was partly wrecked by a boiler explosion. Hugh Nulton, the engineer, and James Henderson were fatally killed.

S. R. Armour Dead.

S. B. Armour, read of the Kansas City packing house of Armour & Co., and brother of Philip D. Armour of Chicago, died at his home in that city, of pneumonia.

Malolos Has Fallen.

Maj. Gen. MacArthur has entered Malolos, the seat of the so-called insurgent government, the natives burning the city and simultaneously evacuating it.

Akron Street Railway Sold.

The Akron, Ohio, Street Railway and Illuminating Company, property, appraised at \$905,000, was sold to a reorganization committee for \$1,000,000.

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